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## Student Haiku Competition entries for 2013

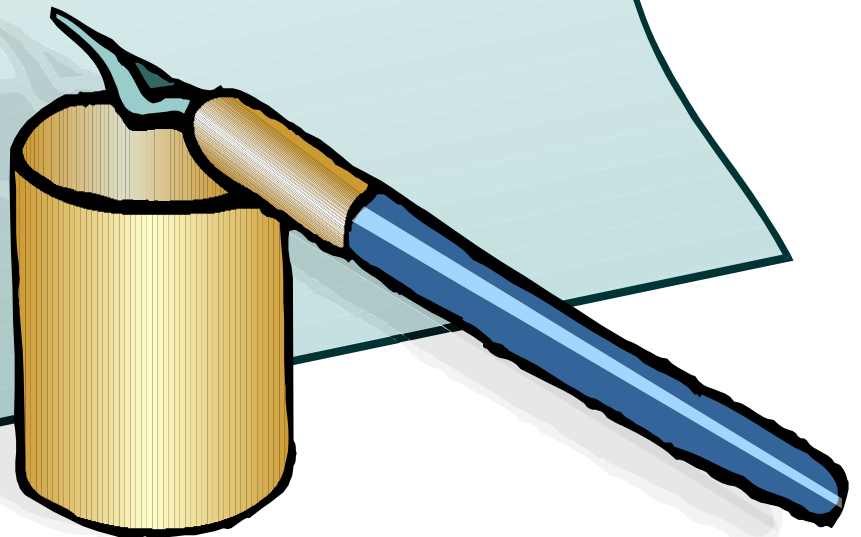
Daniel Barnes, *et al.*

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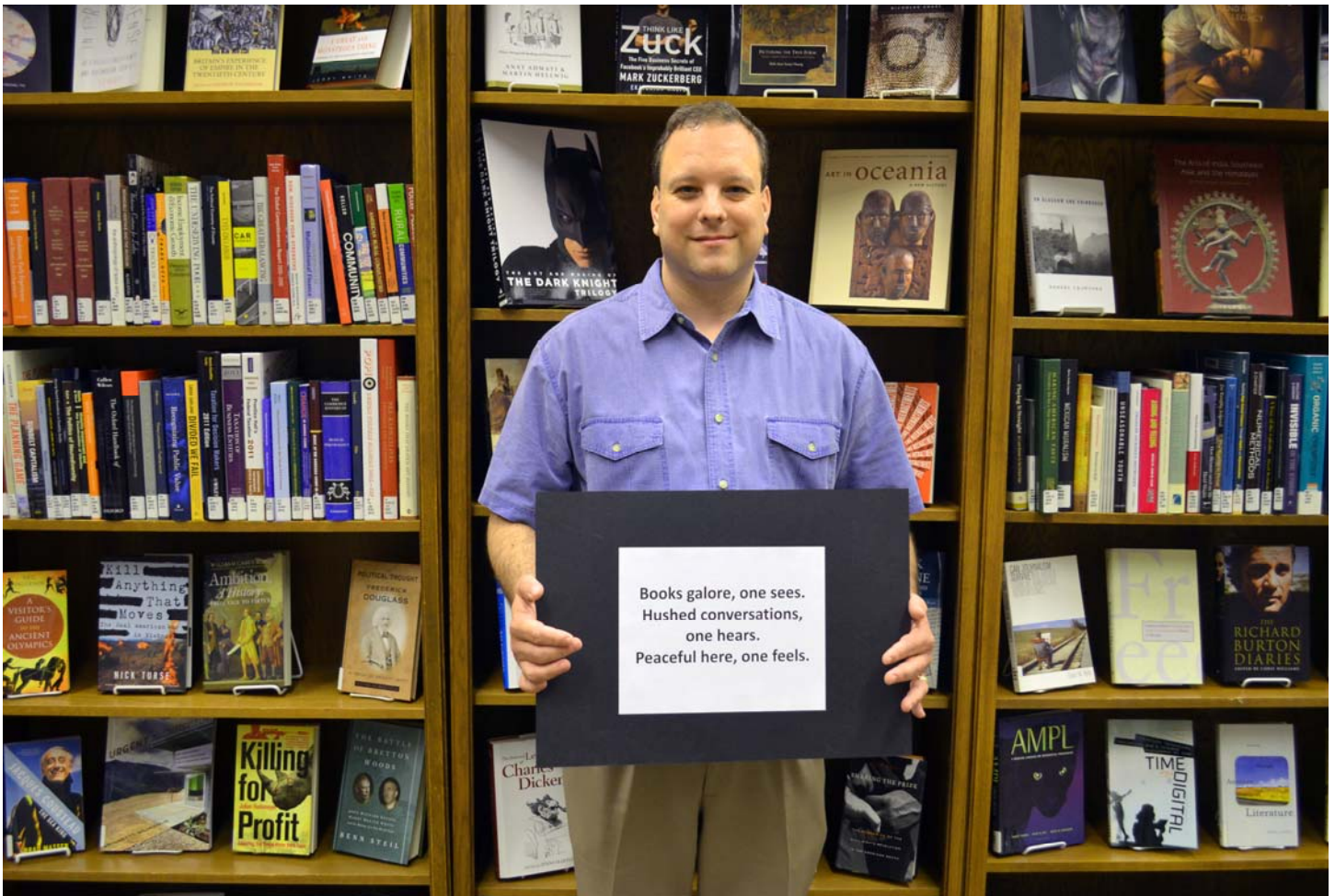
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# 2013 Reference Services Haiku Contest

2013 has been a banner year for the Annual Haiku Contest. The Eugene McDermott Library Reference Department received well over 100 poems from a total of 65 contestants.



This Year's Winner is Daniel Barnes, a Junior in Software Engineering. After much deliberation, the judges selected Daniel's haiku based on its "Yodagrammar," "Zen-like musicality" and for capturing what they felt is the essence of the library.



Books galore, one sees.  
Hushed conversations,  
one hears.  
Peaceful here, one feels.

## Layo E. Adeyemi

3 UTD Library Haikus about Finals

no no no no no,  
no no no no no no no,  
no no no no no.

Media viewing  
Quiet study area  
Reading locations

Reserve study room  
Walk up a flight of stairs  
All-nighter success

## Nathan Agnew

*Borderline*

Mexican Border  
Where is the fence, amigo?  
It surrounds your heart.

## Roshanak Akrami

Library's haunted.  
I'm the ghost, a grad student  
Turning to her house

No eBook, no net  
Makes me forget McDermott's  
Cozy labyrinth

## Monica M. Alston

Caught with a novel  
Hidden within the textbooks  
I'm pretend reading

## Chris Apaliski

Graduate School Life  
Always stuck in McDermott  
Long into the night.

## Shaurya Arora

"In joy, in sorrow,  
Come here and free your mind;  
In rain, in shine."

## Joseph Bao

Photocopier  
Machine of Great Use to Me  
Press button then scan

Green bean Casserole  
Definitely Violates  
The Food Policy

A quiet haven  
For hurried learning session  
Before the exam

Zen Environment  
Meditation for the Mind  
Focused and Ready

## Daniel Barnes

Hidden gems to find  
Inside books, your mind to mine.  
A fortune awaits.

Books galore, one sees.  
Hushed conversations, one hears.  
Peaceful here, one feels.



## Sambridhi Bhujel

A sea of knowledge  
With each book, an adventure,  
Waiting to be read.

## Seong Byun

iPad, Kindle, Nook.  
Just don't feel right in my hand.  
Call me an old fart.

## Sophia S. Chang

The Best Study Spot?  
My McDermott Library:  
Guarantees an A!

Best Place To Study  
Is Right Here At McDermott  
Where there's all I need

Eyes buried in books  
Fingers wrapped in highlighters  
Brains strained to the Max

Eyes Buried in Books  
Everyone's Typing Away  
Always more to do

Study Rooms Lost to Foes  
Vicious Table Saving Wars  
Early Birds Get As

Back niche on 3rd Floor  
The Best Study Spot is Found  
Exam Week Heaven

## Wei Chen

Publish, not perish.  
Think, write, submit, and revise.  
It goes on again.

## Alejandro J. Chinchilla

Earning my Degree  
At McDermott Library  
With friends and coffee

## Amberlea Cogan

I've ink for my eyes.  
Paper skin, pale complexion.  
Story all my own.

A lonely novel,  
I'm one amongst a million.  
Wake me with your touch.

## Yesenia Cordova

It's time for finals.  
Words that surround me guide me,  
To cram and study.

## Preet Dalal

The noisy silence  
Of last minute studying;  
I'm going to fail.

## Thien-An Dam

All floors full of life  
McDermott open all night  
Come get your learn on

## Austin J. Davis

Students learning here  
Are willing to help others  
Pursue great knowledge.

## Jaime M. Deleon

The saved insect mind  
Cannot express gratitude  
Save it anyways

## Min-Hong Ding

Honest welcoming  
Forests bearing the ripe fruits  
Of knowledge and peace

## Jack Gamble

A thousand words read  
And still my heart turns pages  
Thank you, McDermott

Forgo constant noise  
Serenity in silence  
Library is home

A choice for students  
Beyond these library doors:  
Leave no book unread

## Adbeel Garcia

Out the window rain,  
In my hands a book that has  
Hit me like a train

## Bethany Geer

Students drowse, books wake  
To rouse, reason, rhyme, renew  
Both dream together

## Matthew J. Gillings

Books, books, rows of books  
In McDermott, tall and strong,  
Knowledge waits inside.

## Erin M. Gordon

Numbers and paper  
Lead to the farthest corner--  
Emerge with ten books.

## Crystal Gore

Knowledge bound in print  
Waits to be consumed and then  
Bound into the skull

Too many students  
Not enough computers. It's  
Like musical chairs.

## Ashish Gudla

I've come out this year,  
I will study with no fear,  
McDermott, I'm here.

## Kainat Hamid

What library lets,  
You eat whatever you want  
Amid studying?

Sleep. Eat. Study.  
University student.  
Home is library.

Quiet, relaxing.  
Best place to do my homework,  
Thanks, finally done.

Books, books, everywhere.  
Relaxing on a bean bag.  
Readers safe haven.

## Nina Louise Haug

These words are water  
That may submerge or save me  
Waves of life anew

Words – once a refuge  
Bookshelves like bulwarks, windbreaks  
Now mazelike – I'm lost

## Jessica M. Hawkins

Yellow-papered tomes  
Soft-laden weight of voices  
Hush, the ages speak

## Minh Hoang

Take another sip  
You won't leave any time soon  
Your coffee grows cold

## Natalie D. Hope

Day before the test  
My work requires silence  
Turn off your music.

Not done reading yet  
Maybe I'll renew this book  
I'm a slow reader.

My fine is ten cents  
Have to wait 'til tomorrow  
How much will it be?

Highlighted pages  
It makes reading easier  
But against the rules.

Which snack should I bring?  
My mom's homemade spaghetti  
Or just some pretzels?

Many computers  
There are many more students  
I won't find a seat.

Read something funny  
I'm the only one laughing  
No one else gets it.

## Araf R. Hossain

Vacant seat by me,  
Cute girl enters, smiles at me,  
Thank God I brushed.

## Lubna Hyder

McDermott, my world.  
It is for me, to conquer;  
Read, Learn and prosper.

## Aarzu Isa

At the library  
For professors know how  
To give too much work

## Vishakh Iyer

Exam tomorrow.  
Minds hum at McDermott;  
Silence all around.

Finals tomorrow.  
At McDermott with books;  
Much needs to be done.

Finals approaching.  
At McDermott awaits;  
Books and redemption.

## Kassiopia Raquel Jackson

Four floors of book fun  
Floors full of literature  
Great literature

## Delanie Joseph

Can't escape reading  
At UTD library.  
Newsletter in loo.

## Malik A. Khatoun

Reading authors' words  
Warms my whole heart with comfort  
Together we smile

## Matthew Krenik

Sunday afternoon,  
A strong case of wanderlust,  
Shelves and shelves of books.

The adventurer,  
Transported to foreign lands,  
Is immersed in books.

Fall asleep reading.  
Imagine, visualize, feel,  
The most splendid dreams.

Sunrise to sunset,  
Natural light fills the room,  
4th floor studying.

Big research project,  
Resistance seems futile.  
McD saves the day.

Summer's beckoning,  
It could not come more quickly.  
But first, these exams.



UTD students,  
Versus imminent finals,  
Will we all succeed?

Writing these haikus,  
I really should be working.  
Procrastination.

### Michael J. Lai

Eyes locked grip firm,  
Together we will travel,  
Turn page after page.

### Khan Lee

Imagine. Explore.  
The solitude in seeking  
The journey in books

Finals have arrived  
Where did the semester go  
End on a good note

Suppose to study  
Forgot what I had to do  
Made haiku instead

### Kristina Ngo

April showers us.  
The library drowns in rain.  
Study, nap, study.

### Minh-Phong Ngo

In the library,  
Cramming for my next exam.  
UTD life. Whoosh!

### Thuy K. Nguyen

Forthcoming exams;  
Ready for graduation;  
Hitting the books hard.

Tick tock goes the clock;  
Searching through aisles as I walk;  
Yes! My book's in stock!

### Sara Nourani-Dargiri

Studied through the night  
Sleeping in the cubicle  
Off to my exam

### Adanna C. Okere

*Library Daze*

Staring into space  
Stuck in a library daze  
Thoughts not on finals

### Chloe Elizabeth Prudore

Redbull, coffee, tea.  
Needed in the library.  
I need to study.

Homework due in ten.  
Battery at five percent.  
Challenge accepted.

Eugene McDermott.  
UT Dallas library.  
Open up your books.

Bright fluorescent lights.  
Studying our lives away.  
I could use some sleep.

Thinking of a haiku  
On the verge of a breakthrough  
"Closing in fifteen"

Cake for everyone!  
National library week.  
UT Dallas lib.

Printing out my work.  
"Do you have your comet card?"  
Left it in the car!

Bright fluorescent lights.  
Four different floors to choose from.  
A great place to think.

Studying until close.  
Security says to leave.  
One more page to go.

In the library,  
Staying until two AM.  
I need some sleep now.

Bright fluorescent lights.  
Frantically studying.  
This is UTD.

## Blake Remington

Hidden in the stacks:  
New breakthroughs and big ideas  
Waiting to be found

Read Frost on my break  
Between Bio and Chem II;  
Changed major to Lit.

Shakespeare's complete works?  
Too heavy for clumsy hands.  
Big book falls on foot.

## Alejandro Rodriguez

With rows of knowledge  
Of ages past to present  
Great McDermott awaits

## Saideep Sambaraju

In library halls  
The green and orange tables  
Please keep quiet, shhh...

## Oscar R. Sanchez

Sunny days will come,  
But one must now study first,  
Then prosperity.

## Eda Sarac

Searching for a meaning  
All I have feelings  
At the kingdom of books

## Alexander Segler

"Summer"

One more weekday night.  
Bent over McDermott's books.  
Twenty four more hours.

## Hanna Shin

Study on fourth floor  
Will not let finals sneak up  
Every day I go

## Kabir Singh

I see patterns in clouds  
Happy, sad, some reflections of me  
Gods play tricks on me

## Kari Stouffer

*The Library Patron*

Here she comes again  
Persistent, pesky patron  
Questions that don't end

## Minnie Tao

Haven for seekers,  
Minds, books, Wi-Fi, coffee merge,  
Come study with me!

Security risk  
Minds exploding with knowledge!  
NO FIREARMS ALLOWED!

In the beginning,  
God created McDermott,  
She said it was good.

I've checked out the book  
That you needed to peruse.  
Better luck next time.

I've checked out the book  
That you needed to peruse.  
HA HA HA, sucka

I'm not studying.  
Here to check YOU out; not books.  
So call me, maybe?

When can I go home?  
Quoth the Raven Nevermore,  
Life at UTD.

Come...study with me.  
What happens at McDermott  
Stays at McDermott.

*Title: McD's all you need*

Can't afford Harvard?  
Come get your "Good Will Hunting"  
Education here.

## Keith Tarloff

My mind is racing  
These books. Forever chasing  
The knowledge within.

## Kevin B. Tillotson

Painted, aged pages  
Turning pristine, idle minds  
To a greater wisdom.

## Bryan Q. Tran

TEST! TIRED! PANIC!  
Sleeping in the library!  
Wake up! OH NO! Late!

## Michael Wagenhauser

### *Haiku 1*

Two years ago the  
Winner had eight syllables  
In poem line two

### *Haiku 2*

Waiting for lockers  
Was a pain in the behind  
Got my life back

### *Haiku 3*

No longer a wait  
For lockers that make you late  
In and out like that

## Timothy Young

Perusing info  
Be it from laptop or book  
Here I'm enlightened

Come stay, long or short  
And be immersed in knowledge  
At the library

Perusing info  
Be it from laptop or book  
Here I'm enlightened

Come stay, long or short  
And be immersed in knowledge  
At the library

All day, ev'ry day  
Hustle, hustle, hustle, hard  
Gotta make the grade!

8 A.M.: enter  
Read as much as you can for  
You must leave at 2!

## Misbahuddin Zuberi

In hysteria:  
I'm in my La Divina  
'Sick' Comedia

Sphere on tender spine;  
Heaven with all of mankind  
Atlas, don't you shrug!